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1. AMBASSADOR AGAIN RAISED KOREAN ISSUE WITH JOHN NGWIRI, SECRETARY FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, OCT 10. NGWIRI SAID HE HAD SPOKEN TO PRESIDENT BANDA WHO REAFFIRMED MALAWI DECISION TO ABSTAIN. PRESIDENT DID NOT THINK SUFFICIENTLY WEIGHTY NEW FACTORS INTRODUCED TO WARRANT RECONSIDERATION. NGWIRI COMMENTED PRESIDENT ALWAYS UNLIKELY TO CHANGE POSITION ONCE DECISION REACHED. POINTING OUT KOREA WAS MAJOR ISSUE ON GA AGENDA FROM US STANDPOINT, AMBASSADOR ASKED FOR INCLUSION OF KOREA AS ITEM FOR DISCUSSION AT MEETING WITH PRESIDENT PREVIOUSLY REQUESTED. NGWIRI UNDERTOOK SEEK APPOINTMENT.

2. COMMENT: BRITISH HIGH COMMISSION HAS NOT YET RECEIVED INSTRUCTION APPROACH GOM. UNFORTUNATELY MALAWI PERM REP RARELY ABLE TO INFLUENCE GOM DECISIONS ON MATTER OF THIS NATURE (REFTEL D).

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3. WE ANTICIPATE DIFFICULTY IN OBTAINING CHANGE IN GOM POSITION. WHEN AMBASSADOR DISCUSSED NORTH KOREAN ISSUE IN WHO WITH PRESIDENT ON MAY 4, PRESIDENT SAID HE HAD DECIDED ABSTAIN BUT RELUCTANTLY AGREED TO RECONSIDER IF MALAWI VOTE CRITICAL (REFTEL A). WE WERE NOT INSTRUCTED TO FOLLOW-UP. WE ASSUME ISSUE IN THIS INSTANCE IS OF SUFFICIENT IMPORTANCE TO WARRANT STRONG EFFORT AT LEVEL OF PRESIDENT BANDA. IT WOULD FACILITATE PRESENTATION IF WE COULD PROVIDE PRESIDENT SOME OVERALL ESTIMATE OF POSSIBILITIES OF SUCCESS AT GA AND OF ROLE OF MALAWI VOTE. GOM INCREASINGLY SENSITIVE TO FINDING ITSELF IN SMALL MINORITY ON QUESTIONS OF THIS KIND. ESTIMATE THAT IVORY COAST, KENYA, ETHIOPIA AND GHANA MAY SUPPORT FRIENDLY RESOLUTION (REFTEL C) SHOULD PROVE HELPFUL. BURDETT

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